

CARVER HIGH SCHOOL

Carver High School, Jan. 30. I wish personally to thank the Editor of the Times-Virginian for giving the Carver High School students a chance to express their views in this paper. I think it is a step in the right direction for closer cooperation between the school and the community at large.

Much has been said in educational meetings and in educational literature concerning school-community relations but little has been done. This is an opportunity for the public to find it inconvenient to visit the school, to learn something of the school's activities. We, here in Appomattox, with the cooperation of the school and community are trying to make this a better place to live and a better place to rear our boys and girls. It is my belief that such undertakings as this helps people to understand us and helps us to understand them. It is only through understanding will any group of people reach the Utopia of understanding.

Sincerely,
J. Thomas Butler, Principal.

Here we are again to tell you the happenings at Carver.

The Dental Clinic is here. Dr. Banks, State Dentist, will begin work on the county school student's teeth this week. His headquarters will be in our Home Economics building.

Bessie Williams is particularly glad of his arrival and wishes he could help her today.

Our Glee Club is busy every day practicing new songs and old ones, to sing at Addition High School in Roanoke, Va. in the Regional Music Festival. So beware of blasting voices every day until February 24.

The Seniors and Mrs. James report that all material for the Yearbook was in on time, which made the two weeks work run smoothly. They managed to send seven more layouts to the company, making a total of 14 sent, but there is still more work to be done in order to have the approximate 35-page Yearbook.

The N. F. A. boys are leaving Friday for Charlottesville in hopes to win the two contests which they will participate in. McKinley Tanner will present the one man "Ben-Hur Show" which he very aptly did in Assembly. The N. F. A. quartet will sing two songs in competition. This meeting is the Western Federation of the N. F. A.'s. Rev. Lawing is a visitor.

Leon Lawing and Steven Russell are two seniors who attended a play given at Dunbar High School, Monday night, January 30, presented by

the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The play was "Claudine". We are glad to finish Semester exams and receive report cards. Most of the Juniors were happy. Donald Doss took B. C's galore. Charles Jeffries really studied; Edna Williams had to get glasses; and Ella Brown has been absent recuperating. I guess they all passed after going through all that. For those who didn't "make" it, Mr. Butler said, don't worry for he'll be here next year also to teach those things they missed.

Mr. Butler, our Principal, spoke at Mt. Airy Church on the 26th of January on the subject, "Children," for the benefit of the Sunday School. The Juniors are full of anticipation, looking forward to a trip to Richmond. Mr. James H. Clay, their instructor in history, is taking them to attend a session of the General Assembly. The 9th grade will accompany them.

The Student Council will have its first meeting this week. The Physics Class will make a trip to Mr. E. T. Johnson's home to get some instructions on his hobby as a Ham Radio Operator. His Station WFTV has gained considerable recognition.

The Juniors have already made plans for the Junior-Senior Prom. They intend to invite a swell orchestra - that is if they can get cash enough.

The patterns and materials being selected by the ninth graders are really attractive for the sewing units. Betty Flood, Martha Trent, Helen Lee, Mary Turner, and Jacqueline Lawing will begin making dresses after having completed the fundamentals required. Others will start on skirts soon.

One of the tenth grade's best basketball players, Warren Minfield, got hurt while playing. We hope this won't discourage him or any of the other players.

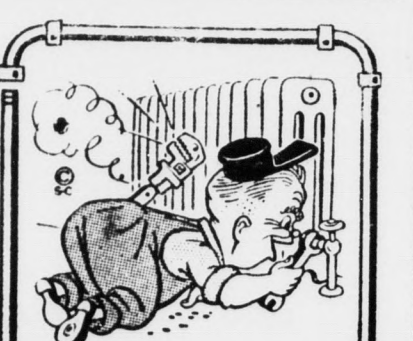
The girls are more interested in playing basketball since they have seen the metals, which are beautiful. "Human Destiny" by Leconte Du Noy, a new literary book, seems to be quite challenging and one that the science classes will gain much from. It pertains to the startling theory of man's place in the universe and the meaning of his existence on earth. This book may change the direction of scientific thought since the Renaissance. It can make history, because it deals with a new epoch in human thought.

While speaking of good books, "Lead Kindly Light" can't be beat. On February 14, "The Harmonizing Four" will be heard in concert at Appomattox High School Auditorium. This year there will be four blind artists accompanying the group.

We'll be here again next week with the news and goss. Thought for the week is: "To thine own self be true. Thou can't not then be false to any man." Shakespeare.

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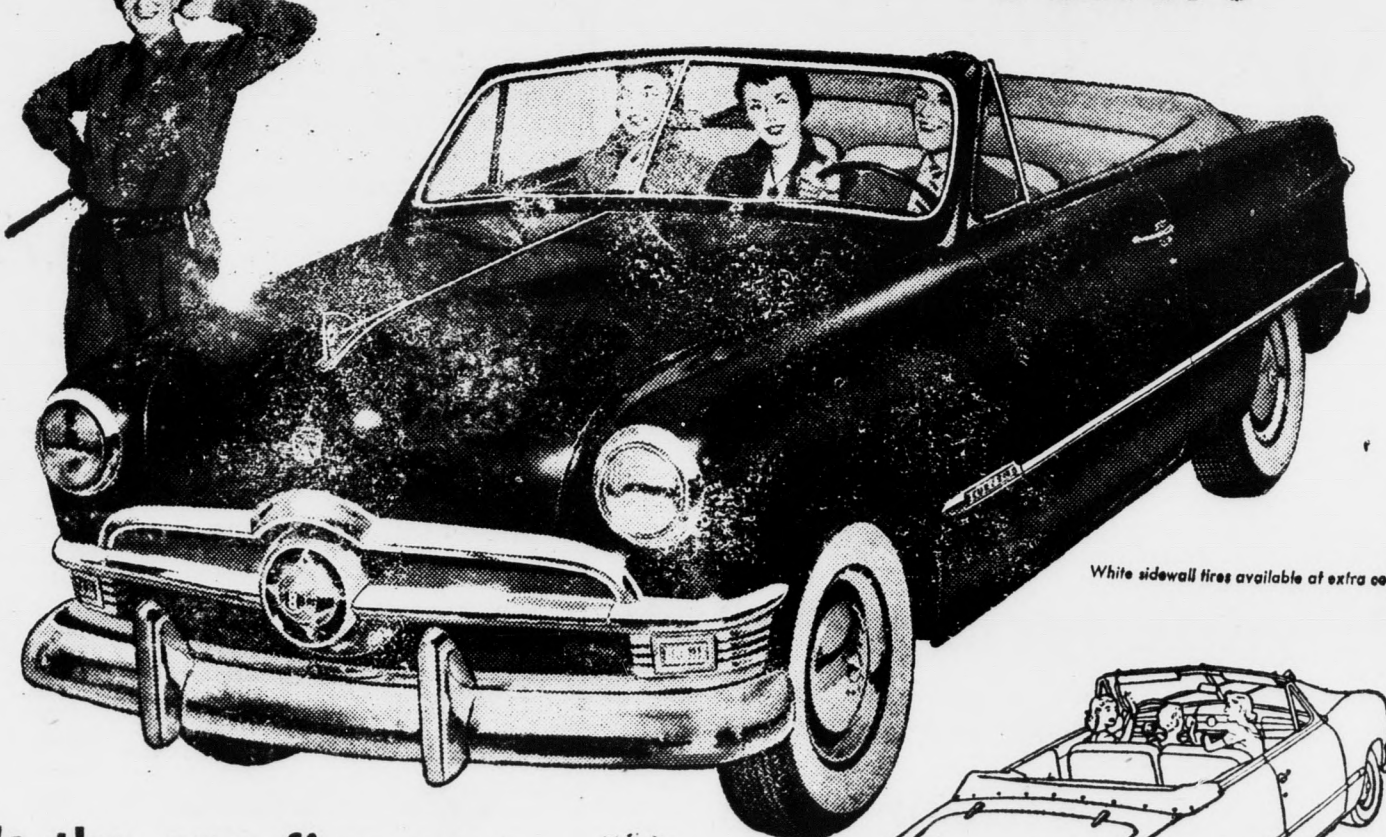
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POTASH SHORTAGES

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Dwindling supplies of potash fertilizers, and shortages for the spring plantings are foreseen by national and state agriculturalists.

At V. P. L. H. L. Dunton, head of the agronomy department, has this word of advice:

If you expect to use potash fertilizers this season, buy them now.

Most warehouses now are full with cured, high-analysis mixed fertilizers and can make immediate delivery. But they probably will not be able to meet the demand later. Instead of the early expectations of a 15 to 20 per cent increase in potash supplies there probably will be a 10 to 15 per cent decrease because of strikes in the potash mines. The strikes are causing a net loss in production of 5,000 tons per day. Mine operators say that even though operations are resumed immediately, it will be impossible to make up for lost production this spring.

FOUR-H CLUB ENROLLMENT ON STEADY CLIMB

A steady climb in enrollment in Virginia's 4-H Clubs - from 40,133 in 1948 to 49,068 in 1949 - is reported by state club officials at V. P. L.

So far this year, four counties have reported enrollments topping the 1,000 mark. They are Tazewell, Franklin, Henry, and Greensville.

In their year's end report on 1949, club officials say:

Four-H Club members enrolled by white and negro county farm agents made a total profit of \$857,088.18 from project work, and won cash prizes amounting to \$24,217.91. Most popular projects were production of vegetables for home and market, and the production of swine, poultry, and dairy animals.

Clothing and food preparation, and preservation headed the list of 4-H Club projects for girls. A total of 17,466 girls were enrolled in the clothing project, and 10,105 were enrolled in one of the three food preservation and preservation projects.

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Special emphasis has been placed during the past year on developing leadership among the club members. As a result, 1,028 older girls served as junior leaders in home-making projects. Demonstrations by members also have been featured, with a marked increase in the number given by the girls - a total of 6,448.

Reports from the counties show a wide variety of activities other than project work, and many community activities such as raising funds for contributions to Red Cross, famine relief, hospitals, and overseas relief. The club members have improved school grounds, helped with school lunch rooms, conducted fairs, and put on many social programs for home demonstration clubs.

T. A. and other civic organizations.

O'LOOK FOR 1950

(Lost of a series)

"Relatively good" is the forecast for Virginia's 1950 fruit growers. Dr. Harry Love, head of the agricultural

economics department at V. P. L., says the expected decrease in the national apple crop may be enough to stop the downturn in prices.

Virginia growers had a somewhat short crop in 1949, and may reasonably expect an increase this year. Exports of fruit during the first half of 1950 may be increased through RCA subsidies, and the easing of import restrictions by some countries. However, it now seems that most of the crop will have to depend on domestic market outlets.

Fruit supplies per capita are expected to be enough to maintain consumption of about 210 pounds. On this, fresh apples get about 25 pounds; bananas, 20 pounds; and fresh oranges, 35 pounds. Competition from citrus fruits will likely be stronger. Frozen orange juice is rapidly becoming an active bidder for consumer tastes.

Cold storage stocks of apples are considerably larger than a year ago. Producers who continue to hold for higher prices may be disappointed.

OUTPATIENT DEPT.

Richmond, Feb. 1. Appomattox County was among 54 in the state and 459 were Negro and 1,622 were white. Of the 1,119 from the 54 counties of the state, 660 were Negro and 459 were white.

There were 5,713 patient visits to the Outpatient Department during the month, of which

Former Senator Robert Reynolds to run again in North Carolina, in primary, against Senator Graham.

Senator Byrd urges Truman take action to halt coal strike.

Senator Tydings says the H-bomb essential for defense.

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—Indianapolis News.

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—The Roanoke Times.

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—Highway Engineer, State of Arkansas.

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